

REMARKS

The specification has been amended. Claims 1-39 remain in the application.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE  
IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, paragraph 0001, please amend as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent application serial number 09/845,093 filed on April [30] 27, 2001 entitled "Formation of an Optical Component Having Smooth Sidewalls" and incorporated herein in its entirety